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The Editor
'The Island' Newspaper
Upali Newspapers Limited
No.223, Blomendhal Road
Colombo 01300.

Dear Sir,

We are the Lawyers for Dr. Shirani A. Bandaranayake.

Publicity has been given in your newspaper regarding allegations against our Client.

At present, we bring the following facts regarding her bank accounts and remittances to your attention and through you, to the Public.

Our Client has been banking exclusively with the National Development Bank (NBD) since 2010. Our Client has declared all operative accounts that have assets in her declaration of assets and liabilities. The Bank has informed our Client that there are a few non-operative accounts which contain zero balances. There may be non-operative accounts in other banks which our Client operated prior to 30th October 1996, which our Client believes have been closed.

Our Client was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court on 30th October 1996. Since then no money whatsoever has been remitted to our Client from abroad or from this country save and except from her immediate family (inclusive of her sister) and her official remuneration.

Our Client's sister and her husband, who are employed as professional engineers in Australia, reserved an apartment (for purchase by them) when they were in Sri Lanka. Thereafter from time to time, our Client's sister (through her Australian bank) remitted sums of Australian dollars for the purchase of the Apartment. This was later converted to Sri Lankan Rupees by NDB. In Sri Lankan Rupees it was approximately Rs.27 Million. Our Client, by cheques, directly remitted to the seller in installments a sum of approximately Rs 27 Million. The Bank has confirmed these transactions.

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The sum of Rs.34 Million mentioned in your news item is not accurate. The sum of Rs.19 Million approximately mentioned in your news item is a part of the aforementioned purchase consideration of approximately Rs.27 million. There was never a remittance of Rs 34 Million into our Client's account.

In the circumstances, in summary:

- (a) our Client has declared all her operative bank accounts having assets in her declaration of assets and liabilities; and
- (b) after her appointment as a judge of the Supreme Court our Client has not received any remittances from anyone in Sri Lanka or abroad save and except the remuneration as a judge and the remittances from her immediate family.

Thus clearly there has been no financial impropriety on her part.

Our Client totally denies the other allegations and can easily refute them.

Our Client instructs us to state that she will, as always, continue to duly and properly discharges her duties without fear or favour; she will do so, independently, impartially and fearlessly in accordance with the Law.

Yours faithfully,

